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### Your Library and Boobook Celebrate 1 Million Libby Loans



On **15 May 2025**, *Your Library* officially reached a significant milestone. More than 1 million digital loans have now been made through the Libby platform in partnership with Boobook, a collaborative initiative between three public library services in Victoria – *Your Library*, Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service and Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation.

Since joining Boobook in **October 2024**, *Your Library* customers have embraced the expanded digital collection with enthusiasm.

Remarkably, close to 59% of these loans have been made on items owned by *Your Library*, highlighting the continued strength and relevance of our curated collection.

Chief Executive Officer, Karina Lamb, said the milestone reflects the success of the Boobook partnership in delivering high-quality, accessible digital content.

*“To have reached one million loans in just over seven months is a significant achievement. Our staff have worked hard to promote Libby and ensure our collection meets the evolving needs of our community,”* said Dr Lamb.

*“This milestone also demonstrates the power of collaborative partnerships like Boobook, which expand access and create impact well beyond what individual services could do alone.”* Dr Lamb added.

Cr Linda Hancock, Chair, *Your Library* Board, stated:

*“We’re proud to be part of this growing network and excited to see where we can go next. This is about more than just numbers – it’s about ensuring everyone in our community can connect with stories, ideas, and learning anytime, anywhere.”*

Loan data from 2025, shows continued upward momentum. For *Your Library*:

- **Average checkouts per day:** 2,809
- **Projected calendar year total:** 1,025,360 – our highest digital lending year to date

Boobook brings together a group of forward-thinking public library services to share digital resources and deliver enhanced access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, and more, for local communities across Victoria.

The Libby platform can be accessed via a free app for smartphones, tablets, and eReader (Kobo), or via browser.

#### Features:

- Borrow up to 40 eBooks & eAudiobooks at one time for 3-week loan.
- Unlimited magazine loans for 3 weeks.
- Place up to 40 holds.
- Unlimited renewals (as long as there are no holds).
- No overdue fees – items return themselves!

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